GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3765
ANSWERED ON:22.03.2001
CASES OF SENIOR CITIZENS
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Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the information has since been collected;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for delay?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) & (b): The information received from the Supreme Court of India and ten High Courts is as per Statement enclosedand requisite information from other High Courts is still awaited.

(c): The information had to be collected from various High Courts. The remaining High Courts have been remindedto furnish the information expeditiously.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3765 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 22.3.2001.

Sl.No.	Name of the High Court	No. of cases pending in High Courts & Subordinate Courts (in August 2000)	Further details
	Supreme Court of India	The Supreme Court has expressed its inability to furnish the exact number of cases pending in the Supreme Court. However, the Supreme Court Registry has been issued instructions to make efforts to identify the matters relating to older persons and get them disposed of on priority basis.	
	HIGH COURTS		
1.	Andhra Pradesh	35,878 (In District/ Subordinate Courts of Andhra Pradesh as on 1.7.2000)	A total No. of 48,737 cases of senior citizens have been identified, out of which 13,167 cases have been disposed of and in 10,854 cases the trial is in advanced stage.
2.	Calcutta (in Distt. courts)	10,853	The High Court has issued orders to take up these cases on priority basis. 2091 cases of senior citizens were taken up for hearing.
3.	Gauhati	617	The High Court have issued

			instructions to all outlying Benches of the High Court and the Subordinate Courts under the jurisdiction of Gauhati High Court to dispose of cases in which persons above 65 years of age are involved on priority basis.
4.	Himachal Pradesh	725 (District & Subordinate Courts only)	The High Court has issued instructions to all the Subordinate Courts in the State of H.P. to take up the cases of the persons above the age of 65 years on priority basis.
5.	Jammu and Kashmir	1631	The High Court has directed all Subordinate Courts to dispose of speedily cases involving persons above 65 years of age.
6.	Kerala	31586 (as on 1.4.2000 in District & Subordiante Courts only)	The High Court has issued instructions to subordinate courts to dispose of cases of senior citizens on priority basis. Such cases are being periodically monitored by the High Court.
7.	Madhya Pradesh	8635 (In High Court Only)	The High Court is following the Order of the Chief Justice of India in this regard.
8.	Orissa	No record available	However, cases filed on behalf of the senior citizens, pensioners and retired Government servants are being taken up on priority bases, if prayers are made.
9.	Patna	10077 (In District/ Subordinate Courts as on 1.1.2000)	The High Court has directed the Judicial Officers to identify the cases involving older persons more particularly those who are more than 65 years old, and dispose of the cases on priority basis during the year 1999 and these officers who dispose of such cases should be given extra credit of 10% of the units for final disposal of cases in normal course.
10.	Punjab & Haryana	8033 (In District/ Subordinate Courts of Punjab Haryana and UT of Chandigarh)	The High Court has issued necessary instructions to all the District and Session Judges to identify and dispose of cases in which persons above 65 years of age are involved on priority basis.